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Health unit plans to bring back mass immunization clinics

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually Oct. 20.

In the next couple of weeks or months, COVID-19 vaccines might be made available to five-to-11 year-olds, and more people might be eligible for booster shots, or third doses of vaccine. While the health unit is currently offering vaccine through mobile options such as school-based or community-based clinics and drive-thru clinics, mass immunization clinics are planned if more people become eligible for vaccination.

"As we look forward into the next couple of months, we've had some questions about what our strategy will be as we have new populations that are becoming eligible for vaccine," said Bocking. "We know these population groups are larger than we can likely handle in our targeted mobile strategies, so we are continuing to plan potentially a shift back to larger clinics at set locations throughout all of

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A spooktacular scene

By day or by night, this Halloween-inspired display showcased on Parkside Street in Minden is brightening up the town, celebrating October's sweetest holiday. /Photo submitted

Green burials approved in Algonquin Highlands

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

Upon deliberation by Algonquin Highlands council, in a unanimous vote green burials were approved to be held during the warmer seasons from April to November.

An increasing area of interest, particularly

amongst the eco-friendly community, is the concept of a green burial. A green burial or natural burial is when the body of the deceased is buried without cremation, chemical treatment or the use of any concrete.

The idea behind it is that the body will be allowed to naturally decompose and return to the earth without the help of harmful chemicals. Township staff had been directed by

council to consider green burial options back in May 2019, and as of October 21 an update was finally given on the matter.

In a report from Lyell Bergstrom, operations manager, St. Stephen's Cemetery was noted as the prime location for green burials to take place in the township. However, based on consultation with other cemeteries

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Legion's care repairs wear and tear to cairn

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The county cairn located in Minden's Village Green will be in fine form for the upcoming Remembrance Day service, and for years to come, after the Minden Legion funded its restoration.

"We brought it right back to life," said Legion president Jim Ross. "It was going to collapse, the whole thing was falling apart. The cement was falling right out of it, the water was getting into it. It was really in bad shape, but now it's been totally restored, and a wonderful job. It's quite a job, he's done a remarkable job."

The 'he' Ross refers to is Justin Rowden, who owns JR Masonry and responded to a call from the Legion executive and sergeant-at-arms Dick Schell to repair and restore the cairn from a state of disrepair.

"We wanted to get it fixed before we could meet again with a large crowd, because it just wasn't safe," said Schell. "It was kind of falling apart, frost had busted some of the stones out, and it was looking pretty shabby. It was almost unsafe to be close to ... I asked a couple of contractors, only Justin came back to me so he got the job and I'm glad I got him."

Though it was a short time between when Rowden first looked at the project and when he began working on it, he said the difference was significant.

"There was a substantial difference actually of how much worse it was," said Rowden. "It was, fix it now, or it'd be stones all laying on the ground in the spring, type thing."

Rowden has been doing masonry work for more than two decades, and has had his own business for the past three years. The cairn was a special project, but also not dissimilar to the work he does on a regular basis.

Rowden said that just like with many chimneys, it was essential to pour a proper concrete cap to replace the stone cap.

"It's not very good when they put stone on top because the water just penetrates into those grout lines," he said. He replaced the stones that were in rough shape, regouted the whole cairn to ensure the colour of the cement would be consistent as it dried, spent about three hours grinding paint off the bottom before paring it and also applied stone sealer to the cap and the stone to help prevent water penetration. The project took him about two weeks.

"It was kind of neat being able to do, for the town," he said. "I really enjoyed doing it. I put a lot of time into it. It's a lot better, it looks a lot different than it did before. It was in pretty rough shape because it had taken on a lot of water down behind. That's where the problem was, every time it would rain it would get in there."

Schell, Ross and fellow Legion members are relieved the work is done and the cairn has been restored.

"It's kind of a town landmark, and for those that gave their lives for us it's the least we can do," said Schell. "It's great to have it there and we've got to keep it in good shape for them."

The Legion's poppy campaign begins Oct. 29 and a small Remembrance Day service will be held Nov. 11.



Justin Rowden of JR Masonry, with Minden's downtown cairn. Rowden worked to repair the cairn, which has been restored in time to commemorate Remembrance Day on Nov. 11. /Photo by Amanda Rowden

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'Rigorous methods' being upheld: MOH

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our geographic areas, in order to meet what we're anticipating will be a high demand for vaccine."

Bocking said details of confirmed locations, dates and time of clinics will be announced, but those plans are dependent on announcements from the province about eligibility for those who have not previously been able to receive vaccine.

As previously reported, Pfizer has submitted an application to Health Canada to approve the vaccine for youth aged five-to-11.

Bocking said that while there is urgency for the vaccine to be approved, the "rigorous methods" typically in place for medication approval in Canada were still being upheld.

"We sometimes talk about COVID-19 vaccines being fast-tracked, and I just want to emphasize that fast-tracked doesn't mean they're skipping parts of their review within that application to Health Canada," said Bocking. "It just means that it's prioritized and they will dedicate the resources to do the review as quickly as possible."

For now, the health unit does not have a timeline or estimate of when the vaccine will be available.

"In preparation, certainly the province has directed all health units to have plans in place," said Bocking. "If there is an approval we'll be in a position to support roll-out very quickly."

Characteristics of cases over the past 14 days

In the past 14 days, 31 new cases have been identified, the majority of those in the young adult population with 17.2 per cent being among adults 20 to 29, and 17.1 per cent among

those under age 20, said Bocking. The majority of cases were identified as household contacts, at 41.9 per cent, and 25.8 per cent identified as close contacts while 16.1 per cent of cases had no known source of transmission.

Since the start of school in September, 19 cases have been associated with schools.

"These are cases that resulted from exposure in the community, so none of those cases were identified as the result of transmission in the school setting, and there have been no outbreaks associated with schools to date in this school year," said Bocking.

Vaccination status of local COVID-19 cases

Since July 1, in the HKPR health unit region there have been 320 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and of those cases, 63.1 per cent have been unvaccinated, 19.7 per cent were partially vaccinated, and 17.2 per cent were among individuals who were fully vaccinated.

"One of the other indicators that we look at is the vaccination status of individuals with more severe COVID-19 disease, and I haven't previously reported on this number because we haven't had a significantly high enough number," said Bocking. "As of right now, since July 1, we've had a total of eight individuals that had severe enough disease that they had to be admitted to hospital, some requiring ICU admission. Among those eight individuals, seven had no record of vaccination, and one of them was partially vaccinated."

"Certainly the evidence that's coming out of multiple surveillance studies in terms of the effectiveness of the vaccine has demonstrated the strength in COVID-19 vaccine in preventing severe disease," said Bocking.

COVID-19 CONTACTS, CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS BY COUNTY								
County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current High Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to Date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	0	0	0	148	147	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	4	84	1	1,311	1,262	52	45	13
Northumberland	3	6	0	1,028	1,008	36	17	0
Total***	7	95	1	2,487	2,417	91	63	13

Haliburton County continues no-COVID streak

Haliburton County reports no confirmed cases of COVID-19 according to an update by the local health unit on Oct. 25. Just one new case was reported in that update, in Northumberland County. /Screenshot from HKPRDHU website

AH staff to provide further details on winter burials

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that allow for green burials, Bergstrom suggested that the cemetery would need to be expanded. With the current size of cemetery plots measuring four foot by eight foot, the suggested expansion would add an extra two feet to each plot bringing the total to four foot by ten foot.

When the winter hits, it creates an issue for green burials as a body can only be preserved for roughly 72 hours. In Bergstrom's report, he stated the township lacks the equipment and staff to facilitate winter burials. While this can be contracted out to outside sources, the concern lies with the liability and the preference of having a member of staff present at the burial. He said that green burials essentially can only be done in the six to eight months of spring, summer and fall periods.

Bergstrom outlined the request for council to facilitate provisions for green burials in the cemetery bylaw, as well as include the capital required to hold them in the budget for 2022.

"We should focus on green burials for the winter," he said. "Having to work around ex-



Algonquin Highlands township has approved St. Stephen's cemetery as the county's first green burial site. /FILE PHOTO

isting occupied plots is very difficult and I would prefer to look at green burials so we can take a systematic approach to selling plots as opposed to having them spread all over."00

Mayor Carol Moffatt held two separate

discussions, as Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen was adamant that the burials shouldn't be limited to those months only.

On the winter side, the concerns of liability and the lack of staff were the hot topic. Mayor Moffatt addressed that there would

need to be more staff available for the 72-hour turnaround time, and that most current staff would be swamped with other various work around the county.

The council decided in a unanimous decision that more work would need to be done in order to properly make a decision on winter burials. With more and more people choosing Algonquin Highlands as their permanent home, Councillor Jennifer Dailloux suggested that it was an exciting proposal to give residents the opportunity to have winter burials in the township.

Mayor Moffatt was concerned about space, as St. Stephen's doesn't have much space, and restrictions could be put in place as to who is able to be buried there. "I can't see too many people from outside the municipality wanting to be buried there," said Deputy Mayor Danielsen. "There are some other spots being considered so I can't imagine we would be forced to reject any potential people who want a green burial."

A new cost recovery plan will be in the works over the next few months, but the township remains adamant to getting green burials approved for the winter months.

Bear Lake Road residents propose private plowing

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

Approximately 40 families along Bear Lake Road have formed the Bear Lake winter maintenance association, looking to hire a private contractor to plow the road in the winter after years of requesting that Algonquin Highlands do so. Members of the association spoke to Algonquin Highlands council at the Oct. 21 meeting with the goal of getting their plan for winter snow removal approved, as well as private winter maintenance for better winter access to their seasonal properties.

Doug Middlebrook and Kathleen Hedley brought forth the proposal after receiving a notice in August that the parking area for their cars would no longer be available. Most year-round Bear Lake Road residents would park their cars and snowmobile at their homes and cottages, however, congestion on the road has always been an issue. It has also

created an additional safety hazard with cars parked up and down the shoulder, and on the adjacent street.

The proposal consisted of hiring an independent crew that would sand and plow the road for a cost of around \$20,000, that cost which would be put up by the residents of Bear Lake Road. Bear Lake Road, located in the northern portion of Algonquin Highlands, poses a unique and complicated situation since while it is municipally owned it is not municipally maintained during the winter months. It is a seasonal road. In 2016, council voted against spending \$4 million that would be required to bring the road up to municipal standards where it could be travelled by a snowplow during the winter months.

A major question from council was both the status of the snowmobile trail on Bear Lake Road and the safety concerns of having both cars and snowmobiles on the road. The

delegations assured council that they would cross that bridge when they got there and that a precedence has been set in places like North Creek Road, who have made it work for them in the past. Hedley also mentioned that they would work closely with the snowmobile club, who said they would inform the Bear Lake Road association of any issues.

Another main concern was over damages that could occur to the road in the spring, and who would be responsible for that. The road association added that it would be included in the confidential agreement, and that Hedley's experience in the industry would lead to the development of the safe plowing of the road with minimal damage.


With a fraction of the 120 residents living on the Dysart side of the road, council felt better about the impact it would have with the other municipality. However, Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen expressed her concern over the relationship with the snowmobile club and

the possible change to policy of the county. Danielsen mentioned that it would be next to impossible to keep the road maintained to the township's standards during the wintertime, and that while the delegates argued it would be possible, the council remained concerned.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux expressed that more information was needed due to the feedback from her constituents, as Bear Lake Road falls under her jurisdiction.

The conclusion made by council was that more information was needed, as well as a meeting with the snowmobile club, before an official resolution was able to be met. Moffatt added that more calls needed to be made and more unknowns needed to be resolved before the project could be considered to be given the green light. The Bear Lake road association will have to bring forth more information before finding out if their proposal will be accepted.

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October 28 – Regular Council Meeting
November 11 – Regular Council Meeting 1:00 pm

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2021 during its Meeting of Council via web conference regarding its Fees and Charges By-law. To review the proposed changes to Schedules C- Fire Services; F- Planning Services; H- Parks and Recreation Services, please visit [www.minden hills.ca/council/](#) to download the agenda.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2021.

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Horticultural society hopes to grow membership

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

While most people might not be thinking about gardens in December, the Minden and District Horticultural Society is ready at that time to order the plants they will plant in the first week of June and which will bloom alongside the riverwalk and in the concrete planters on Bobcaygeon Road throughout the warmer months.

In the fall, a committee gets together to decide on the colour scheme that will be used, referring to Garden Ontario, the Ontario Horticultural Association resource library, to find out what the plant of the year will be, and what colours will be showcased. The committee chooses colours, and then chooses plants based on those colours, the type of plants that survive and thrive in this area and perhaps what members have seen elsewhere in town – the zinnias at Grahams' Farm Market attracted the eye of Karen Shirley, secretary of the society and co-chair of the community gardens committee.

"A rule of thumb when you're doing a planter is you have a thriller, which is something that sits in the middle, a filler, which goes around it and a spiller, that spills over the edge," said Shirley. "We went with red fountain grass this year, the filler was the pink zinnias and then we just put in a little bit of yellow marigolds, to give it a little bit of lift, in the gardens. But the zinnia just overpowered everything, they were so gorgeous and we were so pleased, because sometimes they don't catch on - they can go mildewy and look terrible but this year they looked great."

When looking for purple or blue flowers, the committee members often go for salvia,



Residents noticing the lasting bloom of the efforts of the Minden and District Horticultural Society along the Riverwalk this year applauded the group's care of the gardens, which were still providing colour in the third week of October. / Sue Tiffin STAFF

said Shirley, as "in some instances it looks quite purple-y and in some it looks quite blue, so we cover both stones."

Shirley said regular watering tapers off when university students employed by the township return to school in September, so that factors into decision-making too.

"We tried to find ones that are drought-resistant, so even though they don't get watered too often in September, they will try and last," said Shirley. "Sometimes they don't. But this year with the water, we had

tall purple salvia and the pink profusion zinnias went wild – they just looked gorgeous on the river."

And besides that care, the committee ensures the flowers represent even greater meaning in the community.

"Well, yellow was the colour of hope, so we tried to put a little yellow in our gardens, as a sign of hope that this virus would go away," said Shirley.

A grant from the township, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and membership fees help pay for the flowers, which Shirley sources from Pine Reflections and Country Rose.

"People have said how beautiful the gardens were looking," she said. "Members would report back, I saw so-and-so and they said their neighbours just loved it. In fact, I had one phone call, this lady's daughter lives on the river and wanted to know what the purple flowers were because she wanted to plant them next year in her garden."

(Those purple flowers that have created quite a buzz for both garden aficionados and bees are purple salvia.)

Additionally, Shirley plants a pollinator garden with bright colours by the Loggers' bridge.

"It will pollinate butterflies or ants or insects or birds to keep things going," she said. "The bees especially, but all insects pollinate so we've got that garden in there."

Last week, members of the Minden and District Horticultural Society put the gardens along Minden's riverwalk to bed for the winter season, but there is hope the gardens will be planted again, even if the society undergoes some changes after next month's annual general meeting.

The society is facing the same strain many local groups, clubs and organizations are challenged with due to multiple reasons including an aging demographic of members, a decline in participation during the COVID-19 pandemic and a lack of new members.

"The problem is, the demographic of our membership, most of them are over 65," said Shirley. "A lot of them are over 70. It's hard, you think at that time, I just want to stay in my own little garden."

Though the society has tried meeting at different times in the day to better suit working members or those with families, membership rates haven't been positively affected by alternative meeting times.

Another option for the society is that they become a garden club, which Shirley thinks might be more appealing to those who find the 'horticultural' aspect of the society intimidating, though she notes it's not mandatory to know the Latin names of plants.

"Sometimes I'm asked, do you know the name of that? Not on your life. I have what I call a prayer garden. I plant a plant and hope that it grows."

Shirley said the group will "see what happens," and said that there is a chance people will want to remain as the horticultural society and that names will be offered to take the roles of president, vice-president, secretary and directors.

Regardless, she thinks that volunteers from the group could continue helping the riverwalk gardens thrive, continuing to put in hundreds of hours of work that would otherwise require a paid consultant determining what plants will go in and what will survive. For now, members of the society are sure to pull dead flowers or weeds as they walk by.

"Everybody does their little bit and we're quite pleased with that," said Shirley.

The Minden and District Horticultural Society AGM takes place on Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church at 7 Bobcaygeon Road.

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One year brings arts centre closer to feasibility

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

The past fiscal year for the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation has been an active one, one in which the board grew from three people to eight and funding for thousands of dollars for the future has been secured.

The HHACF, which was founded in 2018 and granted charitable status in 2019, is now into its fourth year. Its goal is the construction of a modern arts centre in Haliburton County that would include an acoustically engineered performance space large enough to house an orchestra, a secondary theatre for smaller events, acoustically isolated rehearsal spaces, a centralized box office for performing arts events, and a lobby where alcoholic beverages could be served.

"The progress made to date is astounding, but if you told me four years ago that it would take this long to start a feasibility study, I'd be thrown for a loop - yet, driven even harder," Daniel Manley, president of the foundation, told those tuning in to the AGM virtually on the evening of Oct. 21.

That feasibility study, considered by the board to be the "the next mandatory step in the foundation's mission," was awarded to the team of Janis A. Barlow and Associates plus Novita Techne and Yallowega Architecture. The study could have a phased approach, allowing for a study start and pauses when funds are short.

"I think it was a really wise idea to get the

consultants to have this phased approach, because the more we make this real, the more the community feels this is real, and then we're getting more and more support and belief that we can actually make this dream happen," said Tammy Rea, board director.

Drew Allen, head of the HHACF planning committee, spoke to his role in helping the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre become a reality, noting he has "done this before," and praised the team conducting the feasibility study.

"I believe Janis Barlow is the most experienced consultant in theatre working today in Canada," he said. "She is an incredible woman, her team is outstanding. They have researched, built, and studied theatres for the past 40 years across Canada in virtually every town, city and municipality. Where you can build a theatre, they have studied them, they have built them. So we have hired the best person in the country for this study."

When the pandemic created some setbacks, including changes to the focus of some previously available funding, the HHACF shifted too, looking toward federal funding via the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund from Canadian Heritage to help support the feasibility study.

"Unlike the Ontario Trillium Foundation's 100 per cent funding, CCSF funds only 50 per cent of the costs of a project," said Manley. "With total estimates around \$80,000, we needed to make up the difference."

General fundraising proved difficult due to lockdowns and public health guidance around gathering, but local organizations have been generous after hearing of the group's mission, said Manley, with the

Rotary Club of Haliburton granting the foundation \$3,000, and CanoeFM becoming the group's founding media sponsor and pledging to donate \$15,000 from Radio Bingo. The HHACF has also applied for potential funding from Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization via their Tourism Recovery and Innovation Program. Merchandise, a Giving Tuesday campaign on Nov. 30 and a soon-to-be-launched Founding Sponsor campaign offering sponsors a variety of perks including a commemorative plaque, promotion via social media and tickets to the first fundraising gala to be held in 2022 are planned to help the foundation's efforts.

The board has presented on the HHACF's mission to municipal and county councils, homeowner associations and service clubs throughout the county, which has resulted in letters of support and endorsements, accord-

ing to Manley's address at the AGM.

"The foundation was well received all around with people voicing agreement that the time is right for a new arts centre in Haliburton County," he said.

Stakeholders attending the meeting asked about a site location. A shortlist of sites will be submitted to consultants as part of the feasibility study.

Despite an active past year, the HHACF's board isn't slowing down.

"It's going to be a busy fiscal year ahead with activities surrounding the feasibility study keeping the HHACF's board well occupied," said Manley. "With its completion planned for April 2022, we expect it to lay out the path forward into 2022-23 and beyond."

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Two little pumpkins

Throughout the town, celebrations of the season are decorating front porches and stoops of homes and businesses. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Do good things

THROUGHOUT this edition of your paper, you'll see a multitude of stories that are intrinsically about people doing good things to help others.

Those who sit on the Haliburton Highlands Art Centre Foundation board and those that offer the Halls Island Artist Residency are making a space possible for people to perform, create, share and enjoy. Mass vaccination clinics were available in our community – and will be again – because of the tireless work of public health organizers and hundreds of volunteers wanting to offer people a close option for the COVID-19 vaccine. Ron Goodlin put the work in to organize friend Glenn Springer's collection of images after his death, but also put energy into creating a book of those images so they could be appreciated.

What we see so often in our community is that one or two people can make a difference.

The Good Food Box began when Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit dietitian Rosie Kadwell and YWCA staff member Paula Pepping came up with the idea about 20 years ago – now a team of volunteers through the Rotary Club of Haliburton distributes hundreds of bags in Haliburton County a month and in Minden, volunteer Deb Fisher has driven out of her way to help those who have ordered a bag if they struggle to pick it up, making sure that no one goes without.

Green burials will now be possible in Haliburton County to honour the environmental legacy of Kyle Moore, an Algonquin Highlands resident who died in 2019. Terry and Shirley Moore wanted to make it easier for people to have a burial that aligned with environmental values and

through their advocacy (alongside Environment Haliburton), they've done just that.

When the county cairn needed some care, the Minden Legion was there to step up and help make it right, and at Hyland Crest, Lindsay Lester ensured residents had access to virtual reality equipment which resulted in a profoundly heartwarming moment.

Whether it's Tathan and Tecwyn McCutcheon inviting their friends to create Halloween scenes on their property that will bring some delight to others, Rachael and Allan Velkovski working for days on their haunted forest walk to bring something scarier to the area for teens

and adults, or residents and business owners putting a pumpkin display out to brighten someone's day, this community is showing that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference for many years to come. Sometimes you can't help but see that kindness – like when the

**SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

gardens arranged and tended to by the Minden and District Horticultural Society are in full bloom alongside the riverwalk. Sometimes you don't know how many – including the tiniest of pollinators – are being helped by that act of kindness, or how much care – like in ensuring the feeling of hope was represented by the colour of the flowers – was put into making a difference.

If you can do good things – casually or by joining one of the many groups or service clubs in need – please do.

If you want to do good things at the next level, keep in mind this week marks one year until the municipal election will be held on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022. If you think you can do the best things, we look forward to seeing your name on the ballot for our community.

Kwarky

*"Is it a costume or a new safety measure?"*

The best traditions

THIS WEEK I am lucky in the best way possible. My daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren, 5-year-old Hudson, and 7-month-old Casey are visiting for a few days. This might not seem like a big deal to most grandparents. But to me it is. You see, these special people live and make their living at the top end of Baffin Island in the village of Pond Inlet. There are no roads between here and there – just complicated, expensive flights.

As a result, we only see them every few years, although we do Skype.

I'm overjoyed to see them all, of course. But the real highlight for me is spending time with my grandson Hudson, who is finally at the age where we can have conversations and learn about each other.

There is a lot to learn too. In his five years on this planet, Hudson has seen narwhals, caribou, seals, Arctic fox and hares, ptarmigan and even his favourite animal, the polar bear – thankfully, at safe distances. Not in books, not in zoos, but in real life in the environment in which they belong. Hudson also goes to a school where they speak Inuktitut, so he is learning that language too. In fact, he recited their alphabet to me yesterday afternoon in a pretty little song. And, along with his parents, he has gone snowmobiling, ATVing and camping on the wild arctic landscape. That's quite an outdoors resume.

He just might be the most interesting five-year-old I've ever met, though admittedly, I'm partial.

I'm not nearly as fascinating.

Yet, I wanted to spend time with him in a special way that we both might look back on fondly. So, I asked if he would like to

paint a decoy that I carved. And, just to sweeten the pot, I told him he could take it home when he is done.

He was thrilled at the prospect. Hudson is a doer. And what kindergarten kid doesn't love painting?

There's more to it though. Decoys are a part of his heritage. They are a constant sight in the homes of people on both sides of his family – both for use in hunting and for decoration.

So, between painting one and telling knock-knock jokes, singing songs, playing fetch with the dog, and eating delicious snacks, Hudson and I are bonding.

As I write this, that decoy is halfway done. The best part is that when Hudson woke up this morning the first thing he asked was if we could continue working on it. It was not a difficult question to answer.

This is the most important thing I have done in a long time. I'm spending time with

a boy who will one day grow into a man. And one day, if I am lucky, he will remember this experience every time he walks past that decoy. He might even realize that a decoy is more than just a work of folk art.

He might come to understand that it represents a respect for nature, a fondness for traditions and a grandfather's love. He might appreciate it as a thing with a story, or, better yet, as the gift that started of a lifelong hobby.

But mostly, that little Bufflehead – or whatever it turns out to be – will be the spark that fans the flame of a good memory. I'm hoping every time the boy looks at it, he'll smile and think of his "oompa."

I won't need to see it to smile. I'll never forget it.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

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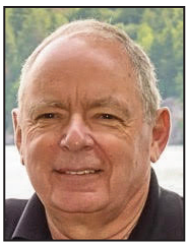
Into the darkness

THE CLOCK 'falls back' one hour Sunday Nov. 7 when Daylight Saving Time (DST) is suspended for the winter months.

I'm not unhappy about that, but some people are. They hate the idea of changing their clocks every spring and every fall.

There is some evidence that the time changes that come with DST create some individual health concerns. Several clinical studies have reported increased risk of heart attacks and strokes with DST time shifts.

It is believed that time changes can upset circadian rhythms, which are physical, mental, and behavioural changes that follow a 24-hour cycle. These rhythms are natural processes that respond to light and dark and affect most organisms, including plants and animals.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Just one hour of time shift can make it harder to wake up in the morning and fall asleep at night on a set schedule. This can lead to loss of sleep and a decline in alertness, which have been linked to auto accidents and workplace injuries.

Ontario has voted to eliminate the semi-annual time changes but has not done so, saying that neighbouring Quebec and New York must do likewise to avoid confusion and complications.

Nine of 10 provinces and two of the three territories observe daylight time, which has been around in Canada for 113 years. It was first introduced in Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay and my hometown) after businessman John Hewitson campaigned for it, saying people wanted to enjoy an extra hour of summer sun.

The idea of DST was attractive back then because candles and gas lamps were still used for lighting in many places. That extra hour of daylight gave workers more daylight for working and saved employers some money on lighting.

Those aren't important factors nowadays but still one-quarter of the world observes daylight time. Some areas have gone to permanent daylight time, following it 12 months of the year and avoiding biannual time changes.

I like the idea of daylight time in the spring, when we get more daylight at the end of the day. However, I'm not so keen at this time of year when DST brings darkness about 5 p.m.

The darkness of November and December can be depressing, but it also can be uplifting.

The fall time change gives me a warm feeling of change. With the dark days comes the satisfaction of accomplishment. The docks are pulled for winter, the boat is serviced and stored, leaves are raked, summer furniture put away and the house and its surroundings are buttoned down for the first snowfalls.

Switching from summer to winter footing is hard work, but when done right it pays you back with that good feeling. And, when everything is put away and you are prepared for winter there is more time to do things that you were too busy to get to during summer.

There are books you wanted to read, movies you hoped to watch and calls to friends you had put off because summer is such a busy time.

The really uplifting part of autumn DST change and its early darkness is the down time it provides for reflection. Time to think about what's been happening over the past year, and what might lie ahead.

There is so much happening in the world – and our individual lives – that it is good to have more time for reflection. Life moves quickly nowadays and having less time for thinking can lead to bad decisions.

This time of year also brings the excitement of knowing that after this period of shorter days another change is not far away. Come Dec. 21 – only 44 days after the start of autumn DST, Mother Nature starts the sun moving north again, creating increasingly longer days.

Longer and brighter days will bring more time for winter sports and other activities. As the sun gets warmer and stays up longer, we know that March and the time to 'spring forward' are not far off.

Daylight time has been a controversial subject for an entire century. It has both benefits and disadvantages, but I have no interest in trying to figure out whether it's a good or bad thing.

All I know is that we borrow an hour one night in spring and pay it back in the fall.

letters to the editor

When "net zero" is not zero

To the Editor,

Net zero carbon. Net zero targets. Net zero by 2030. Net zero by 2050.

We hear a lot about net zero but do we hear much about what it is and what it means? To paraphrase Ray Conniff's old song, "net zero means different things to different people, that's what net zero means."

The impression we are given is that achieving net zero means we are overcoming continued global warming by drastically reducing CO2 and methane emissions in our atmosphere. Is this true? How do we know it's true? Who tells us this is true? Who benefits from our believing that it's true?

Are you starting to wonder if you were told enough about net zero to determine if the claims made in its favour are valid? If so, you are not alone. How important is net zero and do we need to have a better understanding of the term and how it is used?

COP26, the 26th annual United Nations Climate Change conference, is being held in Glasgow, Scotland between October 31 and Nov. 12. Yes, net zero will play a key role in the pending discussions, negotiations and commitments aimed at holding our earth's global warming average increase to 1.5 C degrees.

Wouldn't it be nice if there was some local event available to help us get a handle on this net zero business? Well friends and neighbours, look no more! The good folks of Environment Haliburton, Seniors for Climate Action Now, and Climate Action Muskoka, have got just the thing for us. This Thursday night (Oct. 28) at 7:30 p.m. they have arranged for a free online presentation by economist Marc Lee entitled, "COP26 and Net Zero's Dangerous Distractions."

Simply register at the internet site www.environmenthaliburton.org. I hope to see you there!

John Gibb
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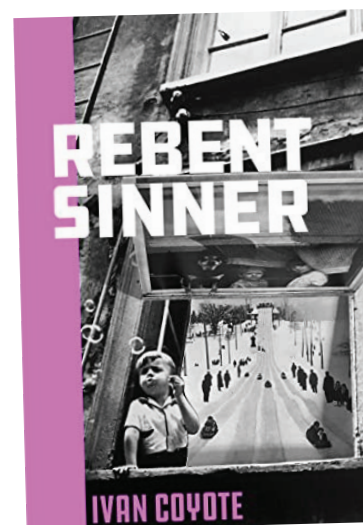
Paying tribute



As we prepare for a Remembrance Day edition of the *Times*, we invite you to send us historical photos of veterans in your family with

a connection to Minden Hills or Algonquin Highlands. Please send photos by Oct. 29 to sue@haliburtonpress.com.

HCPL's Book of the Month - November



In their latest book, Ivan Coyote takes on the patriarchy and the political, as well as the intimate and the personal in these beguiling and revealing stories of what it means to be trans and non-binary today, at a time in their life when they must carry the burden of heartbreaking history with them, while combatting those who would misgender them or deny their very existence. These stories span thirty years of tackling TERFs, legislators, and bathroom police, sure, but there is joy and pleasure and triumph to be found here too, as Ivan pays homage to personal heroes like Leslie Feinberg and Ferron while gently guiding younger trans folk to prove to themselves that there is a way out of the darkness.

Rebent Sinner is the work of an accomplished artist whose plain truths about their experience will astound readers with their utter, breathtaking humanity. It is an Evergreen nominee, and a fascinating read.



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Seated single straight leg lifts

LEG RAISES are a great non-weight bearing method of strengthening the quadricep muscles of the leg. Physiotherapists often recommend them for folks who are suffering from a knee injury. They are the cornerstone rehabilitation exercise for knee replacement or any surgery involving the lower leg including the ankle and foot.

Quadricep muscles (located in the front of the thigh) get us running, jumping and squatting. More than that, these muscles help in standing us up and getting us walking around. The poorer those muscles function the less we move. Hence the importance of keeping them strong and functioning well.

Exercises like squats and lunges are great for building/maintaining quadricep strength and they have a ton of other benefits that

include improving stability and mobility. Sitting down and doing an exercise is never as good as an exercise that demands more from our bodies but sometimes there isn't an option. That's where these seated single straight leg lifts come in.

There are three types that I use with clients. From easiest to the most difficult:

Option 1: Sit on the floor * with your legs together and straight out in front of you. Place a rolled up towel under your right knee. Lie back, prop yourself up on your elbows or lie right down on the floor. Bend your left knee and place your left foot flat on the floor. Gently

push your right knee down into the rolled up towel while lifting your right heel slightly off of the floor. Complete five to 10 repetitions and then change legs.

Option 2: Repeat the set up for Option 1

except there's no need for the towel. Once you're lying back with your left knee bent and your left foot flat on the floor, lock your right knee, flex your right foot and lift your entire right leg off the floor three to six inches. Complete five to 10 repetitions and then change legs.

Option 3: Sit on the floor * with your legs together and straight out in front of you. Place an object the size of a yoga block (could be a tissue box) on the floor, on the right side of your right leg between your ankle and knee. To brace yourself, place your hands on the floor behind you. Sit up as tall as you can manage, lock your right knee, flex your right foot and lift your entire leg off of the floor moving it to the other side of the yoga block. Gently place your leg on the floor there. Lift your leg up and move it back to the starting position. That completes one repetition. Aim for three to 10 repetitions and then change legs.

*Sitting on a bed is an option for these exercises but it is less effective.

Variations on these exercises can also be done by sitting in a chair. It's most effective if you sit at the edge of the chair. The goal is to raise your entire leg from the floor in a controlled manner. This method may require that you lift your leg higher than the floor option but as with any exercise stay safe by listening to YOUR body!

As you're doing any of these exercises focus on the contraction of the quadricep muscles. Try putting your hand on the muscles as you're working. That is the feeling of muscles getting stronger!

Something to think about!

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Practical Fitness

Halls Island Artist Residency opens door to 2022 season

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

A musical trio, a voice actor, a couple of writers, an actress, poets, book authors, visual artists and artists of varied disciplines have all found solace and hopefully some inspiration while taking up residency on an off-grid island on Koshlong Lake.

Applications for the Halls Island Artist Residency, now in its third full year, open on Nov. 1 with interested artists from within Haliburton County or beyond having until Jan. 15, 2022 to apply. A family that privately owns Halls Island provides the residency, accommodations and island access for the artists chosen, so there is no accommodation cost to resident artists other than food and personal supplies, and the hope is they "will find inspiration as they engage with nature and pursue their creative endeavours in this beautiful setting."

"It's really been gaining some ground," said Joan Duhaime, of the Halls Island Artist Residency.

The first year, the group received 13 applications, and in the second year, almost 40 applications poured in.

"That's quite a jump in interest," she said.

Though COVID-19 put a damper on the in-person sessions last year, a virtual meeting has allowed artists and committee members to connect and network though they will not spend time together on the island together. This past summer, 12 artists visited over eight sessions that ranged from ten to 12 days,



The Halls Island Artist Residency volunteer management committee is preparing to accept applications for their 2022 season of residencies. Artists of all disciplines and levels are invited to apply beginning Nov. 1. /Submitted photo

with help from funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation which assisted in providing a safe re-opening after COVID-19 restrictions put a damper on the 2020 season.

"This past summer the island was full of creative energy and the goals of the attending artists and the volunteer management committee were met with great success," reads a

press release from the group.

Canadian novelist and New York Times bestseller Cathy Marie Buchanan has been able to make use of the spot, though Duhaime said truly any artist is welcome.

"We're not seeking big-name artists necessarily, but it's kind of neat when it spreads to people who are a little more well-known, then you get some credibility for future ap-

plicants when they look and see who has attended," said Duhaime.

The TD Ready Challenge Fund grant is allowing the Halls Island Artist Residency group to offer a \$200 stipend to all artists participating in the program, to help offset their costs to attend.

As well, a one-time scholarship, the Halls Island Indigenous Artist Scholarship, will provide \$2,000 for one Indigenous artist to attend.

"The donor family is very interested in valuing that connection and wanted to make sure that, not just to have words on your website that say land acknowledgement, but to try to actually take some action to back up your words," said Duhaime. "We also want to reach out to lots of diverse communities as well as Indigenous regarding gender and race, but at least this is a start with one scholarship we can offer to someone that hopefully will encourage them to apply and be able to afford to come."

Committee co-chair, Don Gage, noted the benefits the program brings to Haliburton County.

"Each artist will be encouraged to connect and engage with our artistic community and residents," he said. "The Halls Island Artist Residency program is a great addition to our arts community in the Highlands."

Tune in to the premiere of Escape to Halls Island on the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands YouTube channel on Nov. 19. For further details or to apply to the residency, visit www.hallsisland.ca.

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Photographer's work showcased in book

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Photographer, instructor and lover of life, Glenn Springer was known for his passions.

Springer, a prolific photographer and past contributor to the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*, captured life and appreciated the connections he made with people.

It's been more than a year since Springer, a former Twelve Mile Lake resident died from a recurrence of cancer in March 2020. His photos have been organized into a book, *Glenn Springer Anthology* which was created by his good friend and photographer Ron Goodlin.

The book, featuring 275 photos and accompanying captions, is a legacy to Springer.

"Glenn was an incredible artist, a pioneer in artistic manipulation of digital images to create unique artistic showpieces. This book shows the metamorphosis of his work from the ordinary to the magnificent. Glenn should be remembered not only for being a fabulous photographer and artist, but because he was truly one of those wonderful affable people who touched so many of us with his kindness, generosity, creativity and love of sharing and teaching," Goodlin wrote in an email message.

Goodlin spent a period of several months working through Springer's thousands of images down to what appears in the book, which depict life around the Highlands where he lived for close to 15 years, and from his travels, including Newfoundland. It's expected to be presented to the Haliburton School of Art + Design soon.

"Glenn asked me to help curate his collection of images for his family to remember him by, while curating these images the thought struck me that most people never look at all those images hidden away in the depths of our computer memory banks and so I decided to create a book for his family to enjoy," wrote Goodlin.

Springer founded the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club (highlandscameraclub.ca) with the help of Fred Pyziak in December 2013. Its objective was to assist photographers of all skill levels to develop their skills, but it also served to bring together people to share in the love and passion for photography.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of *Glenn Springer Anthology*, they can contact Goodlin at Ron@mooseinacanoe.com and a book can be printed for them.



The work of Glenn Springer, a former Twelve Mile Lake resident, is featured in the book *Glenn Springer Anthology*. The self-published book was produced by Springer's good friend Ron Goodlin, who curated Springer's collection after his death in March 2020. /Photo submitted by Ron Goodlin

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Frightening forest welcomes those who aren't faint-hearted

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

If a terrified trick-or-treater who dares to enter a haunted forest walk screams in the woods, does anybody hear them?

Rachael Velkovski will be listening closely, delighted to frighten brave visitors to her Minden home in the days leading up to Halloween, and that evening as well.

"I didn't expect so much of a positive reaction to it," said Velkovski, who paused during set-up of the event, which takes about two or three days, to speak with the *Times*. She expects up to 100 people to the property over the run of the event.

Velkovski and her husband, Allan, are setting up the walk through the forest on their property as a treat for the community, especially those older kids, teens and adults who might be looking for something a little more terrifying to do in the area. Scary music, animatronics, props that "move and blow smoke," and people jumping out when they're not expected is sure to result in in thrills.

"It's not for the easily scared, that's for sure," she said, noting there's a lot of "shock-scare" in the design of the event. "We did it last year just for my nephews and my step-children because of COVID. I went a little crazy and spent quite a bit of money, and I thought, it would be a shame to have all of this stuff go to waste. Why not give back to the community and have a little fun event while you're doing it."

Visitors to the site will be greeted by a zombie directing traffic and helping to organize parking. Prior to entering the attraction, ghouls and guests are reminded that "no kicking, punching, biting, scratching" is tolerated, and those who feel more fear than they expected while engaged in the event can yell "chicken" to be escorted out. The walk takes about five to ten scream-filled, heart-pounding minutes, and then a walk back through the forest leads visitors to safety and the comfort of their own cars.

"With people scaring you, you kind of need that space," said Velkovski.

Her friends, family members, colleagues and neighbours are getting into the spirit, joining in to help with set-up or to



Rachael and Allan Velkovski are planning a Haunted Forest Walk on Oct. 29, 30 and 31 at 1043 Turntable Drive in Minden. The event costs \$2 per person, with all proceeds benefitting the Minden Food Bank. /Photo submitted

act as costumed scarers that evening.

"Just people hearing about the event and wanting to be a part of something," said Velkovski.

Admission costs \$2, a price Velkovski said she tried to keep low to allow access for everyone. Proceeds will be donated to the Minden Food Bank.

"I just thought it'd be a nice way to give back to the community, and we never have any kids out here for Halloween so it's a good way to lure them in, and neighbours can get some candy out and get out there in the community a little bit."

Velkovski said some of her neighbours have started to put Halloween decorations up, even if they never have before.

"So the spirit's really spreading," she said. "I hope if nothing else it gets people out, especially after COVID. I think people need some spirit."

The Haunted Forest Walk takes place on Oct. 29, 30 and 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 1043 Turntable Drive in Minden, toward Kinmount. The event is not recommended for children under eight, or those that are easily scared. Adults are welcome if they dare. Social distancing will be in place. For more information email murray620@hotmail.com.



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HHSS curling champ aims for Beijing

by NICK BERNARD
Special to the Times

Connor Duhaime is a lifelong curler with Olympic ambitions, and a hometown connection to the Haliburton Highlands. He takes his first steps toward the international stage this week at the 2021 Home Hardware Curling Pre-Trials in Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Following Duhaime to Nova Scotia are his parents, Joan and Russ. They're excited to see their son make this play toward the Olympics. They say regardless of the outcome, it's being able to say he played well that makes the effort worth it.

"I just want them to have a really positive experience," Joan says, "And I want them to play to their best potential."

Curling, Joan points out, is a very mental game that requires a high amount of focus, drive, and effort in order to reach the level Connor plays at now.

"It's such a huge commitment," Joan says, "You know, the every-other-weekend-away, kind of thing."

For Connor himself, that has meant a career that spans the majority of his life so far. In high school, Connor attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, where he won athlete of the year for participating in an array of sports. But it was the area's junior curling program that brought Connor to competitive curling.

"We have an awesome junior program in both Haliburton and Minden that bring the kids up from elementary school," Joan explains. Connor's brother Owen also played competitive curling. "They liked the more individual nature of the smaller teams."

He and his team placed highly in the provincial standings, eventually leading to a Gore Mutual Provincial Championship. The team's roster included Connor - then in Grade 12, his brother Owen - then in Grade 9, Curtis Nichol, and Jessie Walker.

Support from his community has played an enormous part in his early career. Because HHSS is the only high school in the area, Connor and his team had to practice alongside the Haliburton men's curling league. An experience, Joan says, that was very rewarding for the team.

"The men were always super," she says, "They passed the hat around and bought them new jackets, and they'd always send them off to provincials with money to help buy them breakfast. It was very, very supportive."



Former HHSS student Connor Duhaime is in Liverpool, Nova Scotia this week for the 2021 Home Hardware Curling Pre-Trials. His parents, Russ and Joan Duhaime, will be cheering him on. /Photo submitted

Following his high school championship, Connor moved on to study at Ontario Tech University. Here, he was instrumental in starting the university's curling team. Knowing a number of fellow students who played for other junior level teams, Connor made a presentation to the athletic committee. In accomplishing this through his own initiative and leadership, Connor was able to continue his career at the university level.

Now, he has his sights set on the Olympics as part of Team Ferris. Over the past four years, the team has participated in the World Curling Tour, which has allowed them to be able to take part in this week's pre-trials.

"It's part of a four-year cycle," Connor's dad Russ explains, "[You have to] work together as a team over those four years ... And they have accumulated enough points to compete at that level."

Connor, 31, plays Second Position on Team Ferris. They will be joining thirteen other teams in both men's and women's categories. The top two teams from each category will move on to the Curling Trials, held in November. After that, a path to Beijing 2022.

Connor's parents are both recreational curlers. Connor's wife Chantal also plays competitively, having participated in the same level of Olympic pre-trials during the last Olympic cycle.

As for whether Connor's two sons will take up rock throwing as a hobby, Joan is optimistic.

"They're pretty small now," she concedes with a laugh.

The 2021 Home Hardware Curling Pre-Trials take place from October 25th to the 31st.

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Huskies get revenge against Dukes on home ice

A pair of goals by Oliver Tarr helped lead the Haliburton County Huskies to a narrow 3-2 win Saturday, against the visiting Wellington Dukes at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Another sizable crowd played witness to one of the closest and most physical games of the season. After dropping their first tilt against the Dukes 5-1 in Wellington, the Huskies were hungry for some revenge on home ice.

Despite two straight losses at the hands of the St. Michael's Buzzers and the Cobourg Cougars, the team was eager to put on another good showing as they did in their commanding 5-0 victory one week ago.

When the opening puck dropped, it was clear that these two teams were very evenly matched. Trading chances back and forth for the better part of the period, the goalies were the ones who stole the show. Huskies goalie Christian Cicigoi was working hard in the first period, with the Dukes coming at him from all angles. Applying pressure and getting countless shots off, Cicigoi stood strong and kept it all out.

Going the other way, Lucas Stevenson was sent in on the breakaway against Dukes netminder Matt Dunsmoor. Despite the two good chances by Stevenson, the Bracebridge, Ontario native looked like a contortionist to keep the game tied at zero.

The opening goal of the contest would come off the stick of Wellington's Harrison Ballard at 7:30 in the first period. Following a missed shot, Ballard was able to beat Cicigoi to the post and slide one past on the wrap around. Putting the Dukes up 1-0, the Huskies would wait until the eleventh hour to tie up the game.

Defenceman Ryan Hall would fancy a shot from the point, deflecting awkwardly off of Dunsmoor. The shot bounced right onto the



Haliburton Huskies and Wellington Dukes were evenly matched and played an exciting game at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena Oct 23. /ALEX GALLACHER Special to the Times

stick of Stevenson, who made no mistake. Burying the puck in the back of the net with 12.3 seconds left in the period, the teams headed back to the locker rooms tied up at one a piece.

While the second period recorded no scoring on either end, it didn't lack any excitement. The referees seemed to take a laissez-faire attitude on the penalty front, with the lack of calls leading to some big hits and very physical play. The period was rough, with the stand out moment being some ferocious hits by the Huskies' own Sam Solomino and Joe Boice. The teams once again headed back to their locker rooms in a deadlock.

When the puck dropped for the third period, the tension in the air could be cut by a knife. Fortunately, the Huskies started out the period with a bang. Just off three and a half minutes into the third, Tarr did what Tarr does best: score goals. Blasting home a

feed from newly acquired forward Christian Stevens for his tenth of the year, putting the Huskies ahead 2-1.

At 15:25, Huskies defenceman Josh Vagenes took a hard hit into the boards. Getting up in extreme discomfort, the Erin, Ontario native left the game due to the injury. Post-game, it was confirmed to be an upper body injury and Vagenes was taken to the local hospital for further evaluation.

As the game drew to a close, the Dukes fought hard for the equalizer. Barrett Joynt would take a shot that went wide of Cicigoi, however an unlucky bounce put that puck in the back of the net. To the ire of the Huskies goalie, the puck seemed to deflect off of both the boards and his own padding leading to a goal he will for sure want back.

Just like that, it was 2-2.

Less than two minutes later, Tarr would call his shot. Getting a beautiful centring pass

from Patrick Saini, Tarr let one rip. The shot beat Dunsmoor with lightning speed, putting the Huskies back ahead. While the Dukes put up their dukes, it was all over as the Huskies held on for a heart pounding 3-2 victory.

"I don't think the score of the last Wellington game we played was the outcome of the game," said coach Ryan Ramsay. "We worked hard tonight, sometimes over the course of 56 games some bad goals will happen but our goal tending has been overall outstanding this season. These games are exciting though, reminds me of the days when I used to play."

The new OJHL goal scoring leader, Oliver Tarr not only had the game winning goal but was also named first star. Citing the amazing contributions from his teammates, Tarr expressed that they move in a pack and wins are a sum of all the parts.

"We move as a unit," Tarr said. "To be able to score at this pace like I do, a lot of it comes from my teammates putting the puck on my stick. Hockey is a roller coaster of emotions, so it feels nice to score a game winning goal. We are playing amazing as a team, and we got to keep this up heading into the showcase."

The Huskies are now sitting with a record of 4-4-0-0. They are fourth in the East, two points back of the Cobourg Cougars and four points back of the Lindsay Muskies the two closest divisional competitors. The Huskies take to the road as they head to Cobourg for the 2021 OJHL showcase. They played their first showcase game on Oct. 26 against the North York Rangers and the second game against the Toronto Patriots on Oct. 27. The Huskies return to Minden on Oct. 30 for a rematch against the Muskies, with the Battle of Highway 35 standing at one a piece.



A walk for water

Above, Water Ambassadors Canada teamed up with volunteers at the Minden Bible Church on Oct. 23 for a charity walk to help raise money for communities to gain access to clean water. / Photo by Alex Gallacher

Left, a beautiful day saw the walk head down by the river walk - yes, even the dogs joined in.



Red Hawks looking to the future after shortened season

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Time ran out on the Red Hawks girls' field hockey team's season against the Hurricanes of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in their Kawartha High School League semi-final game last week, as a bid for a comeback win fell short to advance to the finals on Tuesday, Oct. 19 in Peterborough.

The team lost 2-1 in regulation and the Hurricanes advanced to play the Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School in the Kawartha championship final for a berth to the all-provincials.

Hawks coach Steve Smith said the team was down a pair of goals by the half, which had left the team feeling deflated, but the Hawks used that break to come out revitalized with renewed hope.

"The girls were a little deflated but with a great pep talk at half they came out with new vim and dedication. They scored shortly into the third quarter on a short corner. The short corner went to the top of the circle and a shot from the top (by Bella Smolen) was tipped and went off their defence behind the goalie and into the net," he wrote in a message. "With a goal you could see the girls confidence go through the roof. They kept the play in Holy Cross' end for the remainder of the game."

He adds the team excelled and performed really well in that game, as they did all season. The team's defence endured five short corners taken by the Hurricanes in the first half, which pinned them in their own zone.

With coaches Courtney Cook and Ginny Marsden, Smith said they are proud of the team and are looking to the future.

"The coaches are really proud of the entire team and are looking forward to what the rookies will bring next year. A huge shout out to our veterans who carried the team for the season. As coaches we are saddened by a shortened season, but extremely glad that we were able to compete and coach these girls. They were so much fun to coach," he wrote, referencing graduating students, Ava Smith, Brooke Stover, Ava Allaire, Cassidy McMullen, Bella Smolen, Ryan Rupnow, Macy Miscio, Crystal Petry, Sophie Longo and Emma Miller.

Note: Short corners, or penalty corners are awarded to the offensive team when a defensive player commits a foul in the shooting circle, or if a defender sends the ball over the end line intentionally. The offensive team gains a momentary advantage on the play when they take possession and initiate the play by inbounding the ball while the four defenders and the goalie must start behind the backline and the rest of the defending team must start from behind the centre line.

Irondale news

We look forward to sharing bits of Irondale's history with you each month. From time to time we will introduce you to upcoming events and some milestones.

Irondale has a fantastic Book Nook next to the garden on the Irondale church property at 1019 Elm Rd. Three cupboards offer free reading material from all tastes. You may find a video/DVD that you may wish to watch as well.

Thanks to all attending the Book and Bake Sale held Thanksgiving weekend. Great to be able to chat while you gathered your winter reading material.

New tanks and gas pumps are going in at the Irondale General Store.

Tom and Dorothy Lee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the Saturday of Labour Day weekend under beautiful sunny skies with family attending.

Submissions accepted by emailing historical@IrondaleOntario.ca

This month we want to introduce you to the general stores in Irondale's history.

Peter Barr (1847-1914) and wife Elizabeth McKay (1852-1917) arrived in Irondale in 1873 shortly after they wed. Coming from the Perth area of Ontario, Peter built a log home at the foot of the hill to Devils Lake. A stone wall runs along this property to this day. The house burnt and another was built across the road in 1877. Here Peter and his son, also a Peter (1874-1921) operated a general store serving the community's needs until 1911.

Frank Vanderlip purchased the house/store from the Barrs. It seems the business was not to his liking. He left the building in 1912.

William Rumble of Toronto bought the building in 1913, selling to Percy Proctor in December of that year. Following Percy's death in 1948, son William 'Bill' took over. In 1952 Bill built a new store next door. A Delco plant generated electricity and 'electric' gas pumps. Bill and wife Lillian lived in the old house/store. Lillian's mother lived in the apartment built above the new store. Bea Hancock took over the store in 1963. Her husband Joe built the present Irondale store on Cty Rd #503. The Hancock family continues to serve the Irondale community, offering gas, LCBO outlet, haircuts.

Over the years there have been other stores serving the Irondale community – George and Ethel Simmons served customers from the store that they set up in their home across from the Irondale Church. The store was built along the right wall and entered from the porch. Fred and Pearl Simmons operated a store from their house starting in about 1950. This building was at the corner of County Rd 503 and Irondale Rd.

Excerpts from this column originally ran in the Irondale newsletter. Visit www.irondaleontario.ca to learn more.

Submitted by Carol Simmons, Bark Lake Cultural Developments



The J.H. Hancock General Store.




The G. Simmons store.



Feeding Haliburton County with good food

Deb Fisher of Minden is a loyal volunteer helping the Rotary Club of Haliburton distribute hundreds of bags of "Good Food," through Haliburton County's Good Food Box program, as seen here on Oct. 21. The box or bag of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables is delivered monthly throughout the county for \$15 per bag, helping residents stretch their food budget. Two more pick-up dates are available this year. Orders are due on Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. For more information contact Karen in Minden at 705-457-4571, Georgia in Stanhope at 705-489-3131, Christine in Kinmount at 705-488-1139 or Brian at 705-455-9388. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

The Royal Canadian Legion, Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636			
Poppy Trust Fund Status Report, October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021			
Balance as of October 1, 2020		\$20,484.50	
Campaign Income		\$21,143.41	
Campaign Expenses and Youth Education	\$5,794.63		
Donations from Fund	\$9845.33		
Balance in Fund September 30, 2021		\$25,987.95	
Please note that other donations are pending.			
We want to thank the public for all of their support. This year’s campaign starts October 29, 2021.			
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers on page 1

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

GENERATIONS

'Here's to October' at Hyland Crest

"The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October." – A. A. Milne
If you could've visited us each day this past month, you would know that this quote couldn't be more true for those who call Hyland Crest home.

We gave the warmer weather a quick wave goodbye and switched our focus to the variety of ways we celebrated October.

Our baking classes filled the air with the delectable scent of homemade spice cupcakes, apple tarts and pumpkin cheesecake, to name a few sweet treats. Among multiple crafting projects this month, we created the cutest paper pumpkins, fall leaves décor and got our hands dirty while painting gourds.

We had a frighteningly fun haunted house (see photos) and plan this week for a Halloween Party where we'll dress up and dance the afternoon away.

A couple new programs came our way such as Aroma Relaxation, Daily Chronicles and Armchair Travel (Virtual Reality). Among other places, some of our residents stood at the base of the pyramids, while others scanned the expansive city of Paris from the top deck of the Eiffel Tower. One of our

residents, Joan Hayman, gave us an address and all of a sudden we saw her childhood home on the screen. Joan began pointing out different places where she and her siblings used to play, as well as the home of a friend who lived just down the street. The watching residents and staff were enthralled and a wonderful conversation filled with questions and answers ensued. It was a very special time for all.

We also brought back an old favourite, Reminiscing Corner. Here we gathered in a small group setting and shared pictures of old times and past items that our residents knew of or experienced for themselves firsthand. This program created a welcoming space where each resident shared their memories and saw how much they have in common.

We can't be more excited to welcome all the children dressed up for Halloween. Thank you to everyone who can come by to wave hello and do a twirl for the camera. It will truly bring a smile to our residents' faces that won't soon fade.

Submitted by Lindsay Lester, Life Enrichment Program Manager, HHHS

Halloween happenings at Hyland Crest

Carol Welsh and Georgina Sutton were able to touch squishy, slimy and spooky "body parts" in a Halloween Haunted House event held at Hyland Crest last week.



A virtual walk down memory lane

A new Armchair Travel program at Hyland Crest brought residents to the base of the pyramids and the top of the Eiffel Tower through virtual reality, but a particularly captivating moment was shared when resident Joan Hayman explored her childhood home. /Photos by Hyland Crest activation staff



Shirley McGee makes a gourd quite a bit brighter during a painting activity.



Linda Kellett gets a handful of squishy "eyeballs" during a Haunted House event.



Bea Berry and Joan Hayman enjoy the creepy delight of touching slimy, gooey, "body parts" at a Hyland Crest Haunted House event.



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vs the Trenton Golden Hawks

AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN

How to get a better look at the Circuit of Five Viewpoints

These hiking trails were started before the amalgamation of several townships into Algonquin Highlands in the late 1990s. The initial aim was to connect the donated James Cooper Lookout Trail to the hiking trail close to the Maple Lake Landfill which had previously been an X-C ski trail. Following this, an extension along the ridge was opened to Little Hawk Lake which would lead hikers to additional viewpoints. This was the original Ridge Trail. When property adjacent to the Kennisis River changed hands in 2004, the Ridge Trail's northern end was converted to the Circuit of Five Viewpoints and connection made via the Crests of Kennisis Trail to the Big Hawk Lake Log Chute.

A fair understanding of the geology of the Canadian Shield rocks and of the geomorphological processes of the end of the ice ages about 10,500 years ago has led to my great interest in what amounts to many sites close to the trails which reinforce many of the dramatic climate changes which affected much of the Northern Hemisphere at that time. Locally, there are sites that were waterfall channels which have remained completely dry ever since Little Hawk Lake drained down by 50 ft and "the tap turned off."

Fifteen years and more of my wandering and dreaming of re-creating the hiking trails have developed into a number of "extensions to the hiking trails" which will, of course, involve

some bush whacking and route sorting out.

The first extension to recommend is at Viewpoint 5 of the Circuit of Five Viewpoints. To most visitors in summer and early fall, the leaves of the shrubs that grow among the rocks obscure everything. Good treads in your boots will get you down about 20 ft to rock steps that descend to the bottom of the rock gap. The east side of this gap is the private property of Oakview Lodge. There are straightforward steps down to the west, skirting by the big undercuts. As you go down, you will see large cavities among the rocks. These indicate that once the water level dropped below the rocks at the summit of the gap, erosion was not going to happen. There are also big understood words, DO NOT ENTER.

In descending all those rocks, you have now entered the Amphitheatre. Replace all the trees with benches, add sound-ing boards to the top of the rock face to the west and you will have the biggest ROCK CONCERT! In reality, the exits beside the often dry creek bring you to the low point of the Crests of Kennisis hiking trail. An alternative exit starts at the southwest corner of the Amphitheatre where a steady slope leads due south up to the Circuit of Five Viewpoints close to the ridge summit and the Memorial Bench.

Submitted by Peter Brogden

Cats of Paint Lake rescue of the month



Meet Sally

Sally is a beautiful, funny, affectionate tuxedo cat, about seven years old. She is a big, squishy, cuddly girl. She is also special, and has polydactyl front paws, making them look like mittens. She would probably be best suited to a home where she can be the only pet. She just wants the love and attention of her humans, a sunny window to sit in, and a cozy place to sleep.

If you are interested in learning more about Sally, or any of our other wonderful cats, please get in touch with us.

The Cats of Paint Lake is a federally-incorporated not-for-profit rescue for stray and feral cats. It is our goal to find great homes or placements for all of the cats and kittens in our care. Email catsofpaintlake@gmail.com, visit thecatsofpaintlake.ca or call (705) 854-0827 to learn more.



Four generations

Anne Neave (Nan), Kaitlin Neave (Mom), Pat Campbell (Grandma Pat) and three-and-a-half week old Rhetta Anne Brown shared a sweet moment on the couch capturing this smile-inducing photo. / Photo submitted by Kaitlin Neave

To see your loved ones on this page, send photos to sue@haliburtonpress.com.



Look out, above you!

Grandma Cathy Griffin with Raya, left, and Ali, right, stop for a selfie - or a skelefie - on the Bag o' Bones trail in Minden. /Photo submitted



Arrrrrrgh you ready for Halloween?

Karen and Rowan Pettinella recently explored the Bag o' Bones private forest trail set up by Tecwyn and Tathan McCutcheon and their neighbourhood friends to celebrate the fun of October.

Community Events

Send your event listing to Pat Lewis at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

W.O.W (Women of the Word)

An inter-denominational women's Bible study
When: Wednesday mornings 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., beginning Oct. 6
Where: Lakeside Church, Haliburton
Three options of study available.
Cost \$30 administration fee plus book cost. Financial assistance is available. Free child care provided. For more information or to register; www.mylakeside.ca or call church office 705-457-2851

Environment Haliburton!

When: Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: virtually, on Zoom: Please go to www.environmenthaliburton.org to register.
What: A presentation about COP26, why it is important and a talk by Marc Lee, Senior Economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives about why planning to mitigate climate change by using the concept of Net Zero is a dangerous plan.
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Trustees approve plan to alleviate overcrowding

by Susan Grober

Trustees have voted to immediately initiate a \$2.9-million addition at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, as part of a \$7,650,000 project to solve the Haliburton County Board of Education's accommodation problems.

At last Tuesday's board meeting, trustees agreed to the addition at the Minden school, consisting of eight classrooms, a double gymnasium, and the conversion of the existing gymnasium to a library.

The board also voted to seek \$4,750,000 in funding to build a new Kindergarten to Grade 6 school (consisting of 26 rooms, plus a single gymnasium and library) on the secondary school property in Haliburton.

Once this school is built, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School will become a Grade 7 to 9 facility for all students in the county.

The board will implement the plan in two stages — the Archie Stouffer addition will begin immediately, and the new school is to be built within a long-term period of five years.

The chosen plan was recommended by the board's accommodation committee to alleviate overcrowding in el-

ementary and secondary level classrooms.

Currently there are 240 Archie Stouffer, and 100 Victoria Street school students located in temporary accommodation.

The Archie Stouffer addition will allow primary students to move out of the annex in the former Dollo's IGA building, and move into the main school.

The plan will also solve

future problems at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The board estimates that by 1998, the high school will see an enrolment increase of 124 more students than the present total of 628.

Although the majority of trustees voted in favour of the proposal, a few were strongly opposed.

Minden Trustee Mary Anne Wilson said the addi-

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Minden council supports proposal to dig new well

by Susan Grober

A report which recommends a \$392,000 water supply upgrading project for Minden village has been accepted by council, despite opposition from one of its members.

At last Thursday's council meeting, Councillor Lewis Stevens spoke out against the report's recommendation to drill a well on Bobcaygeon Road when a new well has already been drilled on St. Germain Street beside the municipal firehall, at a cost of \$45,387.

The report in question is a Phase 2 environmental study from Triton Engineering

Services, which supports construction of a new well beside the two existing wells on Bobcaygeon Road.

In the report, concerns are raised about the water quality of the St. Germain well, because levels of turbidity (murkiness due to suspended solids) exceed provincial standards.

Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron said the Ministry of Environment has accepted the report, which also recommends that rehabilitative work be carried out on the existing pumphouse and one of the wells on Bobcaygeon Road, for part of the \$392,000 cost.

"This is as strong a recommendation as I've ever

(more on page 8)



Bless This House

Grace Coburn gave Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home a blessing in her own special way last Friday when she performed the song Bless This House during the home's 25th anniversary celebration. Coburn, who performed the same song during Hyland Crest's official opening in 1966, is now a resident of the home. For more, please turn to page 10.

Minden candidates to meet on Wednesday

The spotlight will be turned on municipal candidates in Minden this Wednesday at an all-candidates meeting in the auditorium of Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

The meeting, sponsored by *The Times*, will provide voters with a chance to evaluate the platforms of people seeking the positions of reeve, deputy-reeve and school board trustee in Anson, Hindon and Minden.

Each candidate will be allowed a brief opening statement before the floor is opened to written questions from the audience.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served during an intermission.

Local economy tackled at meeting

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

It was one small step for economic development in Victoria-Haliburton.

Last Thursday, representatives from a variety of industries met in Lindsay to discuss the area's slumping economy and try to develop solutions.

The committee was initiated by local MPP Dennis

Drainville. His goal is to have the group develop concrete proposals to improve the economy in the riding which he will then take to the government.

Among the 40 people who attended the meeting were representatives from a variety of industries such as tourism, forestry, agriculture and manufacturing. Also at the meeting were employees

of the ministries of tourism, natural resources and agriculture; members of the Haliburton and Lindsay chambers of commerce; and economic development officers from the two counties and the town of Lindsay.

"I didn't call this meeting because I think Dennis Drainville has all the answers. That would be presumptuous and stupid," said Drainville.

"We need a united approach."

While there has been a lot of work done on economic development in the two counties, Drainville said there has been no united approach.

The objective of the committee is not to do another study, said Drainville, but to build on the work which has already been done and come up with specific solutions to

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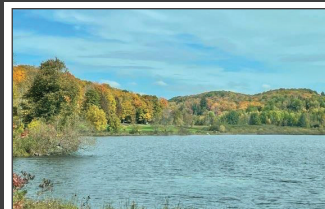
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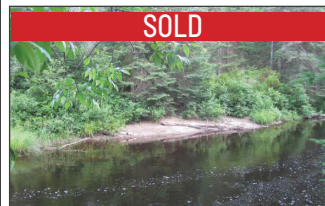
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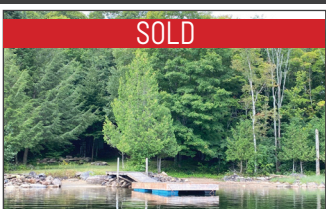
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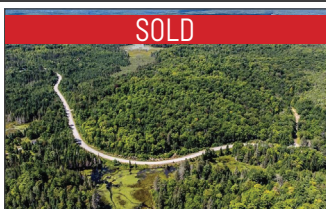
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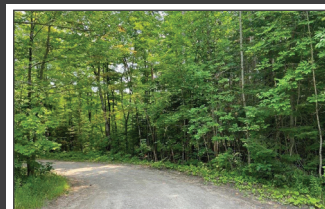


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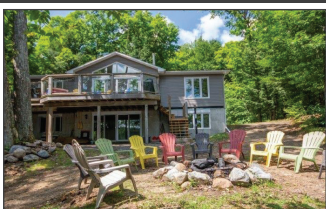


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